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☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (23 pages).

☒ Informal drawings (17 sheets, Figures 1-17).

☒ Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).

- ☐ Assignment of the invention to Spinal Generations.
- ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- ☐ Small Entity statement.
- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).
- ☐ Claim for Convention Priority.

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- * Patent Application Transmittal (3 pages)
- * Patent Application (23 total pages: Spec. - 17 pages; Claims - 5 pages; Abstract - 1 page)
- * Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned) (3 pages)
- * Seventeen (17) Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-17)
- * Application Data Sheet (3 pages)
- * Return postcard

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